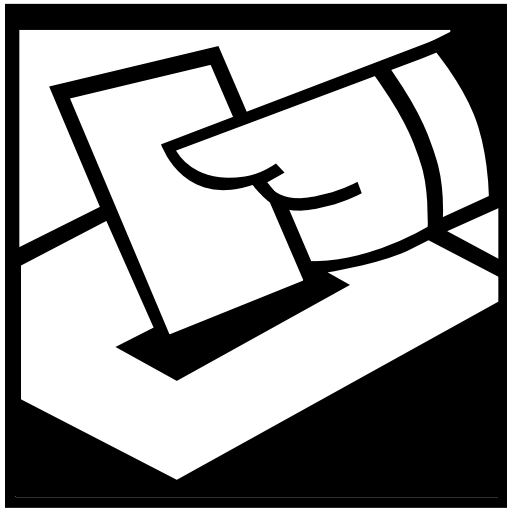


CITY OF TUCSON ELECTION



The Choice... Is Yours



**Official Voter
Information**

**Sample Ballot/
Publicity Pamphlet**

and

Instructions to Voters

**ELECTION DAY
NOVEMBER 6, 2007
VOTE: 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

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THE CHOICE IS YOURS

The City of Tucson is holding a General and Special Election on November 6, 2007. This pamphlet contains information about the following:

GENERAL ELECTION

The General Election ballot contains the names of the candidates for Mayor and the offices of Council Members for Wards 1, 2 and 4. ALL qualified electors (regardless of City Ward or party affiliation) may vote for ALL offices.

SPECIAL ELECTION

There are two Propositions (100 and 200) on the ballot. All qualified electors may vote on both issues.

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255 West Alameda, Tucson, AZ 85701, (520) 791-4213.*

This Voter Information Pamphlet is published by the Tucson City Clerk

VOTING INFORMATION

WHO CAN VOTE

To vote in the City of Tucson 2007 General and Special Election:

- You must have resided in the City of Tucson since October 7, and
- You must be registered to vote on or before October 8, and
- You must be at least 18 years old on November 6.

ELECTION DAY VOTING

The Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day, November 6. Any qualified elector standing in line to vote at 7 p.m., on November 6, will be allowed to mark and cast their ballot.

Look at the address label on the back cover for your polling place location.



*If you require special assistance at your polling place, please call 791-3221 or TTY/TDD 791-2639 no later than 5 p.m. October 26.
(The City does not provide transportation.)*

EARLY VOTING

Want to Vote by Mail or Need Early Voting Assistance?

CALL **884 - VOTE** - (884-8683)

OR

Visit our web site at www.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/ballotrequest

- The last day to request an early ballot to be mailed to you is October 26, by 5 p.m.
- **November 6, 2007 Election Day** - The City Clerk must receive Early Ballots by 7 p.m. By law, ballots received after this time cannot be counted. On Election Day, ballots may be delivered to the City Clerk or to any City polling place from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

YOU MAY VOTE IN PERSON AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

City Hall
255 W. Alameda St.

October 11 to November 2, 2007
Monday to Friday
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Wilmot Branch Library
530 N. Wilmot Rd.

October 11 to November 2, 2007
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday (October 27)
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

CONTACT INFORMATION

City Hall: 255 W. Alameda, 9th Floor P.O. Box 2031, Tucson, AZ 85702-2031
Phone: 791-4213 – TTY/TDD: 791-2639 – Fax: 791-4017 – email: cityclerk@tucsonaz.gov

For Election Information and Election Results go to www.tucsonaz.gov/clerks

VOTER'S RIGHTS

Any voter may be accompanied into the voting booth and assisted in casting a ballot by a person of his or her choice or by two (2) poll workers of different political parties. Candidates whose names appear on the ballot may not assist voters. In addition, a voter may also be accompanied by a person under the age of 18 pursuant to Arizona's "Youth in the Booth" law. This pamphlet "The Choice Is Yours", may be marked with your choices and taken into the voting booth on Election Day. Any qualified voter who is in line to vote at 7 p.m. on Election Day shall be allowed to mark and cast their ballot.

PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION (ID) REQUIRED AT THE POLLS

State Law requires that every voter show proof of identity and address before receiving a ballot. The name and address on the ID must match the information on the voter registration list.

A voter who does not provide one form of identification from LIST 1 OR two different forms of identification from LIST 2 shall not be issued a regular ballot, but shall receive a provisional ballot and will have three business days after the Election to provide sufficient ID to the County Recorder in order for their provisional ballot to count.

LIST 1

Photo ID with name and address (need 1):

- Valid Arizona Driver's license or non-operating ID
- Tribal enrollment card with photo
- Valid U.S. federal, state, or local government issued ID

LIST 2

ID without photo, with name and address (need 2):

- Utility bill of voter dated within 90 days of the date of election - electric, gas, water, solid waste, sewer, telephone, cell phone or cable
- Bank or Credit Union statement dated within 90 days of the election
- Valid Arizona Vehicle Registration
- Indian Census Card
- Property tax statement of voter's residence
- Tribal enrollment card without photo
- Vehicle insurance card
- Valid U.S. federal, state, or local government ID
- Voter Registration Card / Recorder's Certificate
- Any "Official Election Material" bearing your name and address

RIGHT TO VOTE A PROVISIONAL BALLOT

You have a right to vote a provisional ballot if one of the following situations applies to you:

- If your name does not appear on the precinct register and you are in the correct polling place.
- If you have moved to a new address within the county and have not updated your voter registration.
- If you have legally changed your name and have not updated your voter registration.
- If you requested an early ballot but did not vote it.
- If you have not produced sufficient identification.
- If you were challenged as a qualified elector.

To vote using a provisional ballot:

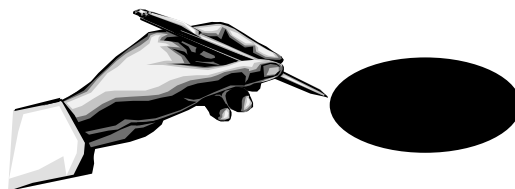
- Present to the election officer an identification stating your given name and surname,
- Present to the election officer your complete residence address, or
- Sign an affirmation on the provisional ballot envelope stating that the information filled out on the provisional ballot envelope is correct, that he/she resides in the precinct, that he/she is eligible to vote in this election and that he/she has not previously voted in this election.

If you vote using a provisional ballot, the election official will enter your name on the signature roster. You will be asked to provide your signature next to your name.

Once you have voted using a provisional ballot, your ballot will be placed in a provisional ballot envelope, which you can seal. The election official will ensure that the envelope is sealed. You will then be given a provisional ballot receipt with information on how to present sufficient identification to the county recorder if necessary, and how to verify the status of your provisional ballot.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Use black or dark blue pen. (Do not use red ink.)
- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of your choice.
- To vote for an Official Write-In Candidate, fill in the oval to the left of the Official Write-In line and write the name in the space provided.
- To vote for a proposition, fill in the oval to the left of "YES."
- To vote against a proposition, fill in the oval to the left of "NO."
- No other marks will be valid or counted.
- If you make a mistake or you damage the ballot, you must ask for a new ballot.



EXAMPLE OF OFFICIAL BALLOT


NOT ACTUAL SIZE – DO NOT VOTE ON THIS PAGE

Official Ballot
November 6, 2007

Boleta Oficial
6 de noviembre de 2007


INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of the name of the candidate. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the name of the candidate in the official write-in space and fill in the oval to the left of the write-in space.

Fill in the oval like this:  No other marks will be valid or counted.

INSTRUCCIONES A LOS VOTANTES:

Para votar por un candidato, llene el óvalo a la izquierda del nombre del candidato. Para votar por una persona cuyo nombre no esta impreso en la boleta, escriba el nombre del candidato en el espacio de inscripción oficial y llene el óvalo a la izquierda del espacio de inscripción.

Llene el óvalo así:  Ninguna otra marca será válida ni contada.

Vote Both Sides of the Ballot / Vote Ambos Lados de esta Boleta

City of Tucson, Arizona General Election Ballot Boleta de Elección General Ciudad de Tucson, Arizona

Mayor
Alcalde

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 / VOTE POR NO MAS DE 1

☐  WALKUP, ROBERT E. Republican

☐  CROTEAU, DAVE Green

☐ _____
Official Write-In / Inscripción Oficial

Council Member - Ward One
Concejal - Distrito Uno

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 / VOTE POR NO MAS DE 1

☐  ROMERO, REGINA Democrat

☐  BAKER, BERYL Green

☐ _____
Official Write-In / Inscripción Oficial

Council Member - Ward Two
Concejal - Distrito Dos

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 / VOTE POR NO MAS DE 1

☐  GLASSMAN, RODNEY Democrat

☐  OIEN, LORI A. Republican

☐ _____
Official Write-In / Inscripción Oficial

Council Member - Ward Four
Concejal - Distrito Cuatro

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 / VOTE POR NO MAS DE 1

☐  SCOTT, SHIRLEY C. Democrat

☐  SPAHR, DANIEL L. Republican

☐ _____
Official Write-In / Inscripción Oficial

EXAMPLE OF OFFICIAL BALLOT

NOT ACTUAL SIZE – DO NOT VOTE ON THIS PAGE

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

To vote for a proposition, fill in the oval to the left of "YES". ☐ YES / SI
To vote against a proposition, fill in the oval to the left of "NO". ☐ NO
No other marks will be valid or counted.

INSTRUCCIONES A LOS VOTANTES:

Para votar por una proposición, llene el óvalo a la izquierda de "SI". ☐ YES / SI
Para votar contra una proposición, llene el óvalo a la izquierda de "NO". ☐ NO
Ninguna otra marca será válida ni contada.

Vote Both Sides of the Ballot / Vote Ambos Lados de esta Boleta

A Spanish language translation of the ballot is included in the sample ballot and is posted in the polling place.
Una traducción en español esta incluida en la boleta de muestra y esta anunciada en el lugar de votación.

City of Tucson, Arizona Special Election Ballot Boleta de Elección Especial Ciudad de Tucson, Arizona

PROPOSITION / PROPOSICIÓN 100

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TUCSON RECOMMENDED BY THE CITIZENS' COMMISSION ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND COMPENSATION.

Official Title:

Proposing to amend Chapter V, Sections 8 and 9 of the Charter of the City of Tucson to increase the salaries of the Mayor and Council.

Descriptive Title:

Amending the Charter of the City of Tucson to increase the salary of the Mayor from \$3,500 per month to \$4,000 per month and the salary of each of the members of the Council from \$2,000 per month to \$3,000 per month.

A "YES" vote shall have the effect of increasing the salary of the Mayor from \$3,500 to \$4,000 per month; and, increasing the salary of each of the members of the Council from \$2,000 per month to \$3,000 per month.

A "NO" vote shall have the effect of continuing the salaries for the Mayor and the members of the Council at their pre-existing levels of \$3,500 per month for the Mayor and \$2,000 per month for each of the members of the Council.

☐ YES / SI

☐ NO

PROPOSITION / PROPOSICIÓN 200

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TUCSON BY THE INITIATIVE RELATING TO WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES.

Official Title:

Proposal to amend the Charter of the City of Tucson relating to water and environmental services; amending Chapter XXV of the Charter of the City of Tucson by adding a new Section 14.

Descriptive Title:

Amending the Charter of the City of Tucson to repeal the residential environmental services fee, restrict the permitted uses of effluent or reclaimed water, and restrict Tucson Water's ability to connect to new structures and supply water to other water distributors.

A "YES" vote shall have the effect of repealing the residential environmental services fee, restricting the City's permitted uses of effluent or reclaimed water, and restricting Tucson Water's ability to connect to new structures and supply water to other water distributors.

A "NO" vote shall have the effect of retaining the residential environmental services fee, and of allowing Tucson Water to use effluent or reclaimed water, and to connect to new structures, in compliance with existing local, state, and federal laws and regulations.

☐ YES / SI

☐ NO

A Spanish language translation of the ballot is included in this sample ballot and is posted in the polling place.

GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT FORMAT

The General Election ballot contains the names of the candidates for Mayor and the offices of Council Member for Wards 1, 2, and 4. All qualified electors (regardless of City Ward or party affiliation) may vote for ALL offices.

City of Tucson, Arizona General Election Ballot Boleta de Elección General Ciudad de Tucson, Arizona	
<div>Mayor Alcalde</div> <div>VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 / VOTE POR NO MAS DE 1</div> <div><input type="radio"/> ➔ WALKUP, ROBERT E. Republican</div> <div><input type="radio"/> ➔ CROTEAU, DAVE Green</div> <div><input type="radio"/> _____ Official Write-In / Inscripción Oficial</div>	<div>Council Member - Ward Two Concejal - Distrito Dos</div> <div>VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 / VOTE POR NO MAS DE 1</div> <div><input type="radio"/> ➔ GLASSMAN, RODNEY Democrat</div> <div><input type="radio"/> ➔ OIEN, LORI A. Republican</div> <div><input type="radio"/> _____ Official Write-In / Inscripción Oficial</div>
<div>Council Member - Ward One Concejal - Distrito Uno</div> <div>VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 / VOTE POR NO MAS DE 1</div> <div><input type="radio"/> ➔ ROMERO, REGINA Democrat</div> <div><input type="radio"/> ➔ BAKER, BERYL Green</div> <div><input type="radio"/> _____ Official Write-In / Inscripción Oficial</div>	<div>Council Member - Ward Four Concejal - Distrito Cuatro</div> <div>VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 / VOTE POR NO MAS DE 1</div> <div><input type="radio"/> ➔ SCOTT, SHIRLEY C. Democrat</div> <div><input type="radio"/> ➔ SPAHR, DANIEL L. Republican</div> <div><input type="radio"/> _____ Official Write-In / Inscripción Oficial</div>

**This is a sample only.
Do not vote on this page.**

Special Election begins on next page
(Propositions 100 and 200)

PROPOSITION 100 - SAMPLE BALLOT

(The Ballot Format is identical to the Sample Ballot which is posted in the Polling Place on Election Day.)

PROPOSITION/PROPOSICIÓN 100

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TUCSON RECOMMENDED BY THE CITIZENS' COMMISSION ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND COMPENSATION.

Official Title:

PROPOSING TO AMEND CHAPTER V, SECTIONS 8 AND 9 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TUCSON TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

Descriptive Title:

AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TUCSON TO INCREASE THE SALARY OF THE MAYOR FROM \$3,500 PER MONTH TO \$4,000 PER MONTH AND THE SALARY OF EACH OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FROM \$2,000 PER MONTH TO \$3,000 PER MONTH.

A "YES" vote shall have the effect of increasing the salary of the Mayor from \$3,500 to \$4,000 per month; and, increasing the salary of each of the members of the Council from \$2,000 per month to \$3,000 per month.

A "NO" vote shall have the effect of continuing the salaries for the Mayor and the members of the Council at their pre-existing levels of \$3,500 per month for the Mayor and \$2,000 per month for each of the members of the Council.

ORIGINAL AND AMENDED TEXT

SHALL SECTIONS 8 AND 9 OF CHAPTER V OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TUCSON BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER V. OFFICERS AND SALARIES

Sec. 8. Salary of mayor.

The salary of the mayor shall be ~~three~~ **FOUR** thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars (~~\$3,500~~) (**\$4,000.00**) per month, payable in biweekly installments.

Sec. 9. Salaries of councilmembers.

Each of the members of council shall receive a salary of ~~two~~ **THREE** thousand dollars (~~\$2,000~~) (**\$3,000.00**) per month, payable in biweekly installments.

Editor's Note: CAPITALS indicate additions; Strikeouts indicate deletions.

PROPOSITION 100

THE CITIZENS' COMMISSION ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND COMPENSATION

FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

FEBRUARY 2007

RECOMMENDATION

The Citizens' Commission on Public Service and Compensation recommends that the City of Tucson's Charter be amended by adjusting the present salaries for the Mayor and Council Members as follows:

- Increase the Mayor's salary from the current \$3,500 per month to \$4,000 per month.
- Increase the Council Member's salary from the current \$2,000 per month to \$3,000 per month.

CONSIDERATIONS AND RATIONALE

The Citizens' Commission on Public Service and Compensation is recommending these salary increases be approved based on the following premises:

- A higher Mayor and Council Member's salary will attract a more diverse and representative pool of candidates to seek these elected offices.
- The salary adjustments address the inflationary increases since the last salary increase in 1999.
- To align the salary of Elected Officials to an average salary of a citizen of the City of Tucson.
- The duties of the Mayor and Council Members necessitate the individual to work in excess of 40 hours per week.

The Commission believes these new salaries will increase the diversity of Tucsonans who wish to seek these elected offices. The Commission observed that the low level of salary paid to Council Members might exclude the average person from becoming a candidate. The Commission felt that as a democracy we should be a cross section of the population. There should be equal opportunity for any eligible citizen to run for an elected office, and not just those who are affluent, retired or have other income sources.

The average salary of a Tucsonan working full-time has increased to over \$36,000 in the last eight years (data provided by University of Arizona, Eller College of Management). In addition, since 1999 the City of Tucson has increased in population by approximately 13% and by 17% in land area (population and land area data provided by City of Tucson, Department of Urban Planning and Design). During this same period, the cumulative inflation rate has increased by 21%. However, during this period of time there has been no increase in Mayor's or City Council Members' salaries.

BACKGROUND

In the 1993 election, the City of Tucson's Charter was amended to require establishing a seven-member volunteer Citizens' Commission on Public Service and Compensation, which is to meet every two years so that it can "...conduct a review of the salaries of elected city officials. Such review shall be made for the purpose of determining and recommending the appropriate salaries..." The Commission members are drawn from the community at large after public advertisements, are appointed by the City Manager, and must be representative of the diversity in Tucson.

Continued

PROPOSITION 100

Final Report and Recommendation (continued)

This volunteer Commission was sworn into office on January 16, 2007. It is comprised of eligible citizens from different cultural backgrounds and professional areas. The Commission met on a weekly basis for a total of six (6) times. Members participated by attending the meetings, and by researching information requested of and provided by City staff members.

INFORMATION REVIEWED

- A. City of Tucson Mayor and Council History of Propositions related to compensating the Mayor and Council dating back to June 1948.
- B. Legislative changes to Arizona Revised Statutes 11-419 related to compensating the Pima County Board of Supervisors.
- C. The Charter for the City of Tucson, Arizona, and specifically the chapters relating to the powers of the Mayor and Council and relating to compensating elected city officers and regarding the commission on recommending salaries for elected officers.
- D. Minutes and notes from previous Citizens' Commission on Public Service and Compensation.
- E. Total compensation information on the Mayor and Council, including the value of benefits package and vehicle allowance.
- F. Salary survey information on similarly sized cities in Arizona, and specifically requested information on comparably sized cities with similar types of government within the Western United States.
- G. Budget information from various municipalities.
- H. Tucson community profile and consumer price index information.

Respectfully Submitted,

George P. Stokes, Chair
Roy A. Garcia, Sr.
Richard Jagodowski
Maria Luisa Magaña

Jose A. Ramirez, Vice-Chair
Nancy Reid
Edwin Skidmore

End of Final Report and Recommendation

PROPOSITION 200 - SAMPLE BALLOT

(The Ballot Format is identical to the Sample Ballot which is posted in the Polling Place on Election Day.)

PROPOSITION/PROPOSICIÓN 200

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TUCSON BY THE INITIATIVE RELATING TO WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES.

Official Title:

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TUCSON RELATING TO WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES; AMENDING CHAPTER XXV OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TUCSON BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 14.

Descriptive Title:

AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TUCSON TO REPEAL THE RESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FEE, RESTRICT THE PERMITTED USES OF EFFLUENT OR RECLAIMED WATER, AND RESTRICT TUCSON WATER'S ABILITY TO CONNECT TO NEW STRUCTURES AND SUPPLY WATER TO OTHER WATER DISTRIBUTORS.

A "YES" vote shall have the effect of repealing the residential environmental services fee, restricting the City's permitted uses of effluent or reclaimed water, and restricting Tucson Water's ability to connect to new structures and supply water to other water distributors.

A "NO" vote shall have the effect of retaining the residential environmental services fee, and of allowing Tucson Water to use effluent or reclaimed water, and to connect to new structures, in compliance with existing local, state, and federal laws and regulations.

ORIGINAL AND AMENDED TEXT

SHALL CHAPTER XXV OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TUCSON BE AMENDED BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 14 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER XXV. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SEC. 14 TUCSON WATER USERS' BILL OF RIGHTS

(A) THE RIGHT TO PAY ONLY REASONABLE, NECESSARY, AND DIRECTLY RELATED FEES.

(1) THE "REFUSE" FEE ON THE MONTHLY TUCSON WATER SERVICE STATEMENT, WHICH WAS \$14 FOR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS IN MARCH, 2007, IS HEREBY ENTIRELY REPEALED FOR ALL RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS, AND REMOVED FROM THEIR STATEMENTS.

(2) NO OTHER CHARGE SHALL EVER BE ADDED TO RESIDENTIAL TUCSON WATER SERVICE STATEMENTS, INCLUDING ANY FEE RELATED TO ROAD CONSTRUCTION, WHICH WAS NOT INCLUDED ON THE STATEMENT IN MARCH, 2007. THE AMOUNT OF THOSE CHARGES THAT WERE INCLUDED ON THAT DATE MAY BE CHANGED DUE TO NORMAL PRICE AND COST CHANGES, BUT MAY NOT BE EXPANDED IN SCOPE OR USED FOR ANY NEW PURPOSE.

(3) TUCSON WATER SHALL NOT SPEND ANY MONEY FOR ADVERTISING OF ANY KIND, EXCEPT FOR INFORMATION THAT CAN BE INCLUDED WITH SERVICE STATEMENTS WITHOUT INCREASING POSTAGE. PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY FEDERAL OR STATE REGULATIONS IS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS RESTRICTION.

(4) IF NEW WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IS REQUIRED MAINLY BECAUSE OF CONNECTIONS TO NEW STRUCTURES, TUCSON WATER SHALL CHARGE THOSE NEW STRUCTURES SUFFICIENT HOOK-UP FEES TO PAY FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIRED.

(B) THE RIGHT TO CONTINUED SERVICES; CITY MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.

(1) TO PREVENT THE CIRCUMVENTION OF THIS SECTION, GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICE AND WATER SERVICE SHALL ALWAYS BE PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF TUCSON AT NO LESS THAN THE LEVEL AS THEY WERE PROVIDED IN MARCH, 2007. CONTROL OVER ALL ASPECTS OF THESE SERVICES, SHALL NEVER BE SOLD, LEASED, PRIVATIZED, TRANSFERRED, OR DILUTED IN ANY WAY. THE CITY SHALL NOT CREATE, ASSIST, OR ALLOW ANY TAXING DISTRICT OR OTHER SIMILAR ENTITY TO RAISE REVENUE FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION OR WATER SERVICE, NOR SHALL SALES TAX BE INCREASED FOR THOSE PURPOSES.

(2) TUCSON WATER SHALL NEVER SUPPLY WATER TO ANY OTHER DISTRIBUTOR, EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCIES FOR NO LONGER THAN TEN DAYS.

(C) THE RIGHT TO THE PUREST POSSIBLE WATER; TOILET-TO-TAP PROHIBITED.

(1) NO EFFLUENT OR RECLAIMED SEWER WATER SHALL EVER BE ADDED TO, OR BLENDED WITH, THE DRINKING WATER SUPPLY. ALL EFFLUENT MUST BE DISCHARGED INTO THE SANTA CRUZ RIVERBED OR RECLAIMED TO SANITARY STANDARDS AND USED FOR IRRIGATION. WATER USED AT EACH IRRIGATION SITE SHALL BE SUFFICIENT TO SUSTAIN THE VEGETATION INVOLVED, AND NOT MORE.

(2) NO WELL, WHICH IS CLOSER TO THE SANTA CRUZ EFFLUENT FLOW THAN THE CLOSEST WELL THAT WAS CONNECTED TO THE GENERAL WATER SYSTEM IN MARCH, 2007, MAY BE CONNECTED TO THE WATER SYSTEM.

(D) THE RIGHT TO A PERMANENT AND SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY.

(1) IF THE FLOW OF CAP WATER TO TUCSON IS CUT OFF, OR REDUCED BY MORE THAN 20% FROM THE AVERAGE FLOW OF THE PREVIOUS THREE YEARS, FOR ANY PERIOD LONGER THAN 30 DAYS, THEN TUCSON WATER SHALL DECLARE AN EMERGENCY AND STOP MAKING WATER CONNECTIONS TO ANY NEW STRUCTURE UNTIL THE FLOW IS RESTORED TO THAT AVERAGE RATE OF THE PREVIOUS THREE YEARS, EXCEPT THAT STRUCTURES THAT WERE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THE TIME OF THE EMERGENCY MAY BE CONNECTED. WATER FLOW DURING EMERGENCIES SHALL NOT BE COUNTED IN CALCULATING AVERAGE FLOW. SUCH AN EMERGENCY SHALL BE IN EFFECT DURING ANY CAP WATER SHORTAGE DECLARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

(2) WHEN TUCSON WATER REACHES AN ANNUAL RATE OF WATER DELIVERY TO CUSTOMERS THAT EXCEEDS THE MAXIMUM RELIABLE WATER SUPPLY, 140,000 ACRE-FEET PER YEAR, TUCSON WATER SHALL STOP MAKING WATER CONNECTIONS TO ANY NEW STRUCTURES TO PROVIDE THAT EXISTING CUSTOMERS HAVE A SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY. IN MARCH OF EACH YEAR, TUCSON WATER SHALL CALCULATE AND PUBLISH THE ANTICIPATED DATE OF THIS CUT-OFF OF CONNECTIONS.

(3) A NEW CUT-OFF DATE, FOUR YEARS IN THE FUTURE, MAY BE ESTABLISHED IF SUCH DATE IS APPROVED BY CITY VOTERS AT THE REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION NEAREST TO TWO YEARS BEFORE THE EXISTING CUT-OFF DATE.

ANY TUCSON WATER USER MAY SUE TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TUCSON WATER USERS' BILL OF RIGHTS.

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSITION 200

Prepared by City of Tucson

Repeal of residential environmental services fee (Sections (A)(1) and (B)(1)).

Proposition 200 would repeal the \$14-per-month residential environmental services fee that the City implemented in June 2004, while also requiring that the City always maintain current levels of residential solid waste service. Proposition 200 would prevent the City from creating any taxing district or similar entity to raise revenue for garbage collection service or water service, or increasing sales tax for these purposes.

The environmental services fee generates approximately \$23 million per year. This \$23 million directly funds the City's environmental services activities for 137,000 residential customers, including collecting and landfilling 724,000 tons of refuse, cleaning up more than 1.5 million gallons of contaminated groundwater, collecting 14,000 tons of debris through Brush and Bulky collections, and recycling 47,000 tons of material. If the environmental services fee is repealed, and this \$23 million funding source lost, the City would need to find other methods to pay for these services. To the extent that the City uses general funds in place of funds generated by the fee, the City will have to reallocate funds from other departments.

Limits on what may be on Tucson Water bill and how billed amounts may be used (Section (A)(2)).

Proposition 200 states that no charge may be placed on Tucson Water bills that was not included on those bills in March 2007. Any charge that was included on the bill in March 2007 may be changed due to normal price and cost changes but may not be expanded in scope or used for any new purpose.

Limits on Tucson Water advertising (Section (A)(3)).

Proposition 200 prohibits Tucson Water from spending any money for advertising of any kind, except for information that can be included as water bill inserts without increasing postage and information whose publication is specifically required by federal or state regulations.

Payment of new water infrastructure for new structures through connection fees (Section (A)(4)).

Proposition 200 requires that if new water infrastructure is required mainly because of connections to new structures, Tucson Water shall charge those new structures sufficient hook-up fees to pay for the infrastructure required.

Limits on supplying water to other water distributors (Section (B)(2)).

Proposition 200 states that Tucson Water shall never supply water to any other distributor, except for emergencies for no longer than ten days.

Proposition 200 thus prohibits Tucson Water from sharing its recharge facilities such as the Clearwater Project or using its infrastructure for the mutual benefit of the City and other water providers. Other water providers would be prohibited from using Tucson Water's recharge facilities and having Tucson Water deliver the resulting blend to their water system.

Tucson Water currently has intergovernmental and mutual support agreements with many other water providers in the region, to deliver water to them in the event of a water supply emergency. Proposition 200 would cut off such aid after 10 days. Examples of other distributors located within the City's boundaries include the Winterhaven Water Company, the Veterans Administration Hospital, the University of Arizona, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, and the Flowing Wells Irrigation District.

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSITION 200

Prepared by City of Tucson

Limits on use of effluent or reclaimed water (Section (C)(1) and (C)(2)).

Proposition 200 provides that no effluent or reclaimed sewer water shall ever be added to, or blended with, the City's drinking water supply. State environmental regulations already prohibit direct reuse of effluent or reclaimed water for human consumption.

Proposition 200 also requires that all effluent must be discharged into the Santa Cruz riverbed or reclaimed to sanitary standards and used for irrigation. Under this provision, any of the City's effluent that is not treated to reclaimed standards will flow downstream for use by downstream water users.

Proposition 200 would limit the use of effluent that is reclaimed to sanitary standards to irrigation purposes only. Proposition 200 would prohibit use of reclaimed water for fire suppression, cooling towers, industrial processing, dust control, or habitat restoration that would include any surface water features in support of wildlife.

Proposition 200 also states that no well may be connected to the water system if it is closer to the Santa Cruz effluent flow than the closest well connected to the general water system in March 2007.

Limits on new connections (Sections (D)(1), (D)(2), and (D)(3)).

Proposition 200 limits water connections to new structures in three situations:

1. If the flow of Central Arizona Project (CAP) water to Tucson is cut off, or reduced by more than 20% from the average flow rate of the previous three years, for any period longer than 30 days, then Tucson Water must declare an emergency and stop making water connections to any new structures (except structures already under construction) until the flow is restored to that average flow rate. Water flow during emergencies must not be counted in calculating average flow rate.
2. Proposition 200 also specifically declares that an emergency as described in Number 1 immediately above shall be in effect during any CAP water shortage on the Colorado River declared by the Department of the Interior, whether or not that declared shortage actually results in any reduction of CAP water delivered to Tucson. Arizona is one of the seven states that have rights to the water in the Colorado River. This is the water that supplies the CAP. Tucson and other municipal customers have the highest priority on the CAP system and would be the last to have their allocations cut back.
3. If Tucson Water reaches an annual rate of water delivery to customers that exceeds 140,000 acre-feet per year, Tucson Water must stop making water connections to any new structures. In March of each year, Tucson Water must calculate and publish the anticipated date of this cut-off of connections. A new cut-off date, four years in the future, may be established if such date is approved by City voters at the regular November election nearest to two years before the existing cut-off date.

The State of Arizona recently declared that Tucson has a 100-year Assured Water Supply of 184,000 acre-feet of water per year, meaning the City's current population, and the additional population anticipated over the next 10 years, will have at least 100 years of water supplies in that amount. Of this, 144,000 acre-feet of water is from the CAP.

Proposition 200 only applies to Tucson Water, and will not prohibit new water connections for construction served by other water distributors, and will not limit other distributors from drilling wells to provide groundwater for new developments either inside or outside the City of Tucson's service area.

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Proposition 200 was put on the ballot by a group of long-term residents of Tucson who want to do what's right for our city and have no financial interests other than not having totally unrelated fees on our water bills. We will be opposed by the usual suspects; developers, speculators, car dealers, swimming pool builders, and asphalt mongers.

Please prepare yourself for their well-funded distortions by reading Prop. 200 at NoWaterFees.com (click Petition). It's in plain English and less than one page long.

Watch for doubletalk:

“Repealing the tax will cut important services.” The garbage tax raises \$24 million, but this year alone, the city increased its budget by \$26 million, far more than warranted by population growth. Just holding the line this year could have more than replaced the garbage tax.

“This will increase the price of housing.” The proposition requires new growth to pay for itself as far as water infrastructure is concerned. This is completely fair.

“This proposition could stop growth.” It would be totally irresponsible, and a danger to existing property values, to continue new water hook-ups when no more water is available. Under the proposition, if we ever reach the point that all available water is being delivered, Tucson residents can vote if they want to continue hook-ups or not.

Also, beware of Tucson Waterspeak :

“This proposition will tie our hands” = “This will prevent us from serving you treated sewer water to drink.”

“We’ll double treat the sewer water” = “The process that we plan to use doesn’t remove things like chemicals, drugs, and hormones.”

“We’ll recharge the treated sewer water.” = “We’ll ‘recharge’ it like we do CAP water; dump it on the ground 30 feet from a drinking water well.” [It’s true].

John Kromko

Paid for by John Kromko

BABYON IS FALLING

When the price of oil reaches (my estimate) \$166.66/bbl, “the [world] economy will be in worse shape than the Great Depression.” - Donald Trump

We need to establish an Office of Survival, which will report to the Governor the status as to whether or not Arizonans will have enough **water**, corn, soybeans, salt, vitamin C (and LSD) to survive when TSHTF; when Babylon (a city/state of commerce and confusion) falls.

More info at my website: 666isMONEY.com.

Will your children curse you for not being prepared?

I plan to buy land in an isolated place (not Arizona) ...

garden (where I can grow pot & tomatoes), chickens, goats.

The End is Near. Signs of the Times.

America has BAD karma and deserves to Fall!

(It doesn’t matter to me if you think I’m crazy. I have no kids and plan to >>> BE PREPARED.

I wouldn’t care if 6 billion died.

The plutocrats have 1000 acre ranches to escape to.)

Raquel Baranow

Paid for by Raquel Baranow

For some time now, city staff has been quietly working with the development community to create a Habitat Conservation Plan. Contrary to its name, this is not about conservation, but rather, preparation for requesting a “taking” permit from the Federal government. This “taking” permit would allow the destruction of habitat critical to protected species, the kind of destruction that occurs through massive development.

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What does this have to do with water? Everything. The city is preparing for development which they expect will add an additional 700,000 new residents, and they are doing so despite the fact that the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District, which is responsible for recharging some of the water we remove from the aquifer, is rapidly approaching the point when it will have more recharge obligations than it has water.

Reclaimed water is now seen as the answer to solving this water shortfall, but issues of containments have not been adequately addressed. New studies are underway, as concerns are growing over the presence of antibiotics, cancer treatment drugs and hormones in reclaimed water and their potential health impacts on the people who drink that water.

To continue uncontrolled development without adequately addressing the issues of containments or the impending water shortage is like playing Russian roulette with your health, as well as the value of your property. None of us wishes to be unsuspecting guinea pigs, nor can we afford the financial impact that a lack of water will produce. We need a guarantee that our water is safe and readily available, and we won't come close to getting that if growth continues unchecked. That's why I urge you to vote for Proposition 200.

Tracy Williams

Lifetime Tucsonan, Community Advocate

Paid for by Tracy Williams

The citizens of Tucson currently consume potable water composed of natural ground water and recharged Colorado River water delivered via the Central Arizona Project (CAP). After traditional water treatment, the potable water is delivered to Tucson meeting all EPA, State, and Local drinking water standards. If the citizens of Tucson allow the City to supplement the potable water with reclaimed sewage effluent, our drinking water will contain contaminants and harmful chemicals with serious health implications. Here are a few examples:

- Nitrate - found in sewage effects stomach and causes bowel cancer and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma,
- Benzene - found in sewage effects kidney and liver cancer,
- Various Chloride Monomers causes cancer,
- Chemicals: metals such as arsenic and lead, estrogens natural and synthetic, surfactants, musks, and other chemicals including chemicals with endocrine disruptor capacity,
- Biological organisms: protozoa, Giardia and Cryptosporidium, viri group Enterovirus, bacteria Salmonella Typhi, helminth group Nematoda,
- Tucsonans consume tons of prescription drugs annually. Many of these drugs are not metabolized.

Mix these with waste from households, offices, hospitals, morgues, and drycleaners will create a wealth of synergistic possibilities. This concoction will have a serious impact on our potable water quality.

The Cities proposal is to recharge sewage effluent by soil aquifer treatment. The problem with this approach is that there is a lack of specific criteria and guidelines governing the artificial recharge of the ground water table with reclaimed sewage effluent as noted by the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, EPA.

It is for the above reasons the Voters of Tucson must vote in favor of Proposition 200.

Don Sorrels

Public Health Engineer, Retired

Paid for by Donald E. Sorrels

HOLD 'EM ACCOUNTABLE!

The Mayor and Council haven't been accountable to the community and that must stop.

Rather than enact water conservation measures used in other Western cities, they're paving the way for us

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to drink treated toilet water. Given the chemicals, pharmaceuticals and narcotics in this water which can't be filtered out, would you want to bathe a baby in it?

Initiative opponents argue toilet water can be brought to potable standards through expensive treatment and recharge. What they won't say is that scientists are discovering that many chemicals remain with unknown health consequences. So even if you can afford to drink bottled water, would you really want to wash your dishes in toilet water?

Rather than charging impact fees like some other cities in Arizona which cover the actual cost of providing infrastructure and public services for growth, the City Council instituted a flat garbage fee. That's just not honest or equitable.

We're supporting the Water Users' Bill of Rights because government accountability is essential for a healthy democracy. Opponents claim the Tucson economy will fall apart if the initiative passes. But fear is frequently used by those who want to take people's minds off the real issue of unlimited, taxpayer subsidized growth which makes a handful of people rich while lessening the community's quality of life.

Opponents claim the initiative mixes up too many issues. The truth is the Mayor and Council brought these issues together.

To your water/sewer fees they've added a garbage tax and are considering adding another tax for new roads. This has to stop! They are borrowing against the community's health to serve special interests.

Hold the Mayor and Council accountable. Please vote **YES** on Proposition 200.

Molly McKasson	Dorsett Edmunds	Bonnie Poulos
Jim Brooker	Susie Morris	Dave Devine

Paid for by David J. Devine

The issue is *sustainability*. The governing factor in our ability to ensure that Tucson provides a good future for our grandchildren is the sound management of our very finite supply of water. Our water utility continues to fail miserably to properly execute its responsibilities. Initiative measures are born when voters perceive politicians and bureaucrats are asleep at the switch, or prisoners of special interests, such as developers, mining fatcats, beer distributors and others who make big bucks by pretending that we can grow forever and that somehow Tlaloc, the Water God, will take care of things.

While we can start capturing the rainfall in the riverbeds, that will not solve our shortfall. Even dumping the phony Avra “recharge” project and finally recharging all of our CAP supply into OUR aquifer (not in faraway places where it never enters our underground supply), we shall, at current growth rates, still run out of water. My guesstimate is about 2020, give or take, when this will occur. If some of the dismal predictions about future Rocky Mountain snowfall--source of our Colorado river--prove true, then that date moves nearer today, especially knowing the fact that California has first dibs on the river supply.

Prop 200 spells out a number of very prudent and sound measures that our City should take: stop using the water bill to collect unrelated garbage or other fees, can the plan to blend reclaimed sewage into our drinking water, and when the 140,000 acre feet/year consumption level is near, call a temporary hiatus on new water hookups, until another vote of the citizens decides the issue. I think that Tlaloc would vote for Prop 200. I hope you, voters of Tucson, will also choose a water-secure future.

Gerald Budd Juliani
Native of Tucson
Paid for by Gerald B. Juliani

The Green Party of Pima County urges a YES vote.

Of course we want clean drinking water. Of course we want a fairer taxation system than asking families to pay the same \$168/year [\$14/mo] whether they live in a mansion or in a shack. And, of course, we recognize that it is not fair to have people buy new houses that can't have water hook-ups because there is no more water in the ground to share with them.

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Let's be frank-- we cannot vote water that is not there into existence. A few decades back we were the largest city in the world dependent solely on underground water. That water was put there millennia ago, and we've drawn out by the pool full what went in by the drop. Recent desert droughts have further reduced the recharge, and exploding population growth and wasteful lifestyles have plundered til we had to close down farms and ranches, to rob those aquifers too. CAP water can't make the difference. Scientists and engineers, who have measured our underground aquifers, say we are approaching "Game Over."

What about the construction skills that have brought Tucson families a paycheck? Let's welcome those skills in retrofitting and rehabbing existing houses, giving us all homes worth living in. Let's recognize that all growth is not healthy. [Cancer is very fast growing!] The nations in Europe with the least growth, and even negative growth, are doing the best economically. Tucson needs sustainability, and that calls for planning ahead, and for knowing when to turn the corner. We are there.

Claudia Ellquist, Green Party CoChair

Dave Croteau, Green Party Steering Committee, and candidate for Mayor

Beryl Baker, Green Party Activist, and candidate for City Council, Ward 1

Paid for by Green Party of Pima County

WAKE UP, TUCSON!

CLEAN AND SAFE WATER IN THE FACE OF SEVERE GLOBAL WARMING IN THE DESERT

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom works to promote and educate worldwide about the necessity of providing clean and safe water for people. Tucson Water and others have wanted to privatize or regionalize control of Tucson's water supply for years, much like they did regional transportation. We want to protect Tucson's water supply with local, direct control by the people and for the people of Tucson. This initiative provides for that.

People are erroneously led to believe population growth is necessary for economic growth. Quick looks at Europe & Scandinavia (countries high in economic growth, standard of living, and health with declining populations) easily dispel this lie. This initiative provides that the new infrastructure required by new growth (sewers, treatment plants, etc.) be paid for by that new growth. Growth must be controlled and planned to protect people over profits. This initiative provides for that.

WILPF believes it is time for the entire world to wake up to reality and address global warming. Tucson is a drought-prone, fragile, desert area and will be highly impacted by the impending water crisis. Meanwhile, politicians serve special interest groups, not the people living here, by charging high fees for water to further subsidize unbridled growth and profits for developers instead of educating and encouraging responsible water usage and voluntary restriction by all in an effort to insure a future water supply for us who already live here. This initiative provides for that.

Mary MacEwan

Co-Chair WILPF

Paid for by Elisabeth Roche

Alma Berkowitz

Co-Chair WILPF

End of Arguments For Proposition 200

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ARGUMENTS “AGAINST” PROPOSITION 200

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I urge you to vote NO on Prop 200. Collection of garbage costs money. Prop 200 leaves the City no option other than to cut \$24 million from its budget. But where? The Arts? Social Services? Police and fire? Don't we deserve to know? This Proposition only proposes to deal with half of the budget equation. That's bad policy.

Just as importantly, along with eliminating the garbage fee, bad water policies are proposed. Prop 200 tells the professionals at Tucson Water how to run the utility. Among the many ill-advised provisions are dictates on where Tucson Water can locate wells, how long it can help out neighboring utilities in times of an emergency (only 10 days!), and when it must declare a water emergency. It prevents the utility from sharing information on water conservation and management through public service announcements. Inexplicably, it tells the utility that it must limit deliveries to only 76% of the amount certified as an assured supply by the Arizona Department of Water Resources.

The proposition is written without the knowledge of water regulations and institutions, such as the Assured Water Supply Rules, the Arizona Water Banking Authority, and the Management Plan's conservation regulations. It is written in imprecise language, language that will be subject to debate in the courts. Its passage could well be a full-employment act for attorneys.

Please join me in voting NO on Proposition 200. It is an ill-conceived proposal to enact restrictions on Tucson Water that are detrimental to our community. There is no logic in combining these draconian water policies with elimination of the garbage fee. It is, plain and simple, bad policy to make these changes to our city's constitution.

Sharon Megdal, Ph.D.

Director, University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center

Paid for by Sharon B. Megdal

Top 10 reasons to vote NO on Prop 200

1. People are working on alternatives to insure our water supply. We should allow our government officials to do what we elect and pay them for.
2. We need to address our water future, but setting an ARBITRARY limit is not right.
3. Reclaimed water is critical to our future and as new technology becomes available we must maintain the flexibility to use this to support our needs.
4. Prop 200 will cause water costs to rise significantly as there is more competition for a fixed supply.
5. This initiative will not stop the need for water in our region. New subdivisions will simply dig their own wells and lower our water table.
6. This initiative affects our entire region, not just the customers inside the city limits. County residents have a right to be part of this important decision.
7. Without the ability to connect new housing to water, the core of our community will become stagnant.
8. City of Tucson neighborhoods will deteriorate with revenue reductions. Tucson would be the only significant city in Arizona without a garbage pick-up fee. Funding this out of city tax revenues will mean reducing services.
9. Passage of this initiative will hasten a loss of state shared revenue. Phoenix will continue to gain and Tucson will not. It means millions of dollars less each year from the state to Tucson based on our proportion of the state's population.
10. It's wrong to tie the garbage fee and future water use together. Passage of Proposition 200 will have the effect of curtailing job growth and inhibiting our ability to make a better life for our children.

Richard Myers

Retired IBM

Paid for by Rick T Myers Jr. TTEE

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Tucson Water will stop making water connections to new structures if a shortage condition is declared for the Colorado River (CAP water source) by the Department of the Interior. This could occur in 2009.

Various states along the river and its tributaries want more water than they have used in the past. Rain and snowfall in the mountains supplying the Colorado River have been below normal the last few years. The Secretary of the Interior, under certain conditions, could declare a shortage condition in 2009. Once declared, it would be many years before physical conditions would allow a change in the federal declaration. This means that water connections in Tucson would not be permitted under Proposition 200, possibly for years, and beginning as early as 2009. There would not be water connections for a new arena, Rio Nuevo structures, new companies building new facilities, or new hotels downtown. Given the right conditions, Proposition 200 could stop downtown development.

Home builders can develop outside of Tucson creating their own water companies pumping groundwater as their water supply. This creates sprawl, subsidence, and fractured water service areas. Proposition 200 provides the things that environmentalists don't want.

If all effluent must be discharged into the Santa Cruz River or used for irrigation in a limited way, then the excess flow of a valuable Tucson asset ends up in Marana and Pinal County for their beneficial use. Tucson taxpayers pay for water, pay again to take it away (sewer fee), only to give the remaining valuable asset to Marana and Pinal County.

Vote No on Proposition 200

Safe & Sensible Water Committee

Chuck Freitas, Chairman

Paid for by Safe & Sensible Water Comm.

Repealing the refuse fee will reduce the City budget by \$ 24 million. This means a cut in departmental funding somewhere. Funding cuts should be in nonessential areas: Arts/humanities, travel/training, youth/aged programs, neighborhood improvement funding, golf enterprise subsidy, tourism and economic development, parks/recreation services and road repairs. Proposition 200 prevents raising revenues for garbage collection. As costs increase for labor, fuel, landfills, etc. - the city budget must absorb the higher expenses. To do that, the council must continue to cut other departmental funding/personnel, year after year. A sales tax increase cannot cover the added costs.

Other reasons to vote no:

1. Stops Rio Nuevo river walk flows using reclaimed water.
2. Stops proposed wetlands and recharge basin in the Rillito River. Recharge basins and ponds are not permitted.
3. Sends our valuable effluent water to Marana and Pinal County at no cost to them.
4. Restricts water connections. That means less commercial and residential building, fewer jobs, economic downturn, you or your neighbor out of work (?).
5. Forces sprawl to occur outside Tucson.
6. If Metro Water discovers contaminated water in a reservoir, Proposition 200 prevents Tucson from providing emergency water for more than 10 days. Will your employer close down because of a lack of Metro Water?
7. Creates legal confusion: In Section (a) (2) Tucson Water may change (increase) rates due to normal price and cost changes. In Section (b) (1) the City shall not raise revenue for.... water service. Who decides? Raise or not to raise? Only the lawyers and judges will know!!

Vote No on Proposition 200

Alliance of Construction Trades

Jim Kuliesh, Executive Director

Jerry Duffy, Vice President

Paid for by Alliance Of Construction Trades

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The Tucson Water Users’ Bill of Rights is a misnomer. This ballot measure takes away customers’ rights to a long - term reliable water supply, and ratepayers will pay significantly higher water rates. Passage of the initiative will not stop growth; we will lose water underneath Tucson to other regions instead. Developers will build projects outside the city limits; they will drill wells and withdraw our precious groundwater from our service area for their developments.

The initiative sets a maximum reliable water supply of 140,000 acre feet. Our CAP allocation of 144,000 acre feet could be at risk since the City serves a blend of groundwater and CAP water to its customers. Not using all of our CAP allocation because of the initiative passage, our long-term access to that unused resource could be jeopardized.

The initiative forbids new fees on the water bill. If other ways are found for new customers to pay for growth, we couldn’t implement them, so the portion of fixed costs covered by these fees would have to be paid by existing ratepayers - increasing water rates. (All federal and state water quality regulations will still have to be met.) The dire consequences of passage of this so called ‘Bill of Rights’ means that Tucson Water’s long term planning in the region would go down the drain while forcing new development to use groundwater in an unsustainable manner and jeopardizing the groundwater that Tucson itself depends upon. **I urge you to vote NO on Proposition 200 on November 6.**

Carol W. West
Council Member, Ward 2
Paid for by Carol W. West

Most people recognize that regional planning and cooperation are essential to creating the community that most Tucsonans want. Indeed, participants at the Tucson Regional Town Hall in May concluded, “Comprehensive multi-jurisdictional regional planning is vitally necessary to enhance, preserve and improve the character of the Tucson Region as it changes and grows into the future.”

The Southern Arizona Leadership Council agrees strongly with this commonsense belief in collaboration, cooperation, regional planning and inclusiveness. We believe these qualities evoke the strength of the Tucson community. We oppose Proposition 200 for several reasons, but not the least because it would effectively prohibit the City of Tucson and Tucson Water from joining with other local communities in seeking regional, collaborative solutions to water issues.

Proposition 200 requires the City of Tucson and Tucson Water to stand alone, apart from other water providers. It even prohibits the City of Tucson from being a good neighbor and helping other communities with water supply issues except in the case of an emergency, and then not for more than 10 days.

Additionally, Proposition 200 takes away the city’s flexibility on water issues. It promotes sprawl by encouraging new development to occur outside Tucson Water’s service area. By setting a fixed limit on how much water can be delivered by Tucson Water, it prevents Tucson from ever using its full allocation of CAP water and it will promote the drilling of many new ground water wells to support growth outside the city limits of Tucson.

Proposition 200 will result in many unintended consequences that would do great harm to the Tucson region.

Bruce D. Beach, President Beach, Fleischman & Co. PC <i>Paid for by Southern Arizona Leadership Council</i>	James M. Kiser, Vice President Southern Arizona Leadership Council
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We all love our community and want it to be the best it can be. This is a wonderful place to live and people will continue to move here whether or not we plan for their arrival. We should all want a future with well-planned sustainable growth, cleaner air and a safer environment. As Mayor Bob Walkup said so well recently, “When you cannot manage growth, your economy turns down, and your city begins to die.”

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The recent Tucson Regional Town Hall confronted our challenges squarely and concluded that we must work together throughout our region. Proposition 200 prohibits regional cooperation and stymies efforts to manage growth regionally.

This Proposition removes the flexibility of water governance decisions for our metro area. If this passes, it will pit Tucson against other local communities and break down the cooperation we have worked hard to build. We must address our water future as a region, not just as one city.

Proposition 200 is a bad idea because it removes an important water source from use in the future. Reclaimed water is critical to our future regionally, nationally and globally; as the technology becomes available we must maintain the flexibility to use this source wisely.

We’ve made such great strides in regional collaboration with the passage of the RTA’s transportation improvement plan and the Joint Technological Education District to improve our educational options. We must not take a giant step backward with Proposition 200.

Please join me in rejecting this poorly thought out ballot initiative, which jeopardizes the growing collaboration in our region among our many communities and forces poor water use decisions in our town.

Peter Likins
President Emeritus, University of Arizona
Chair, Tucson Regional Town Hall

Ron Shoopman
President, Southern Arizona Leadership Council

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In my many years of involvement in Southern Arizona politics and government, I have never seen such an ill-conceived and badly constructed measure as Proposition 200.

They say that the “devil is in the details,” and there are a variety of onerous details in this proposed ordinance, but one of the most dangerous effects for Tucson will be forced urban sprawl. Proposition 200 will severely limit new water hook-ups to Tucson Water in only a few short years. What will happen then? Builders will move farther into the desert where they will form their own water companies. Then, perfectly legally, they will draw their water supply from the Tucson Basin.

In effect, a vote in favor of this proposition is a vote to artificially limit our community’s water supply, and Tucsonans should not be deceived.

Sheriff Clarence Dupnik
Steve Lynn, Treasurer, No on 200 Committee
Paid for by No on 200 Committee

In the wake of two unprecedented achievements for regional cooperation and support in southern Arizona - the Regional Transportation Plan and the Joint Technical Education District - City voters are now being asked to throw that progress away.

Don’t do it, Tucson! Please Vote No on Proposition 200!

Proposition 200 is a mean-spirited, poorly conceived attempt to put a stranglehold on the City of Tucson. It’s a bad idea promoting bad government and combines several non-related issues into a confusing set of rules.

Proposition 200 will slash both local and state revenues coming to the City, and that clearly means that all programs, including public safety, are at risk. Central Arizona Project water will be given back, meaning part of our unused CAP water allocation will go to Phoenix, Las Vegas or California instead of staying here where we need it. We’ll still have to pay for Tucson Water’s infrastructure, covering the costs of those customers they serve outside the city’s boundaries, where growth will explode.

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Proposition 200 is yet one more ill-conceived idea from John Kromko, whose career includes, according to *The Tucson Weekly*, “snubbing campaign-finance reporting laws so badly that he was barred from seeking paid political office for five years.” He was a Green Party candidate for Tucson mayor recently, but just for a couple of days. Kromko was quoted in the *Arizona Daily Star* as saying that his short-lived mayoral effort “would have been fun.”

Not again, John. Governing our community and the rules we use to guide those actions is serious business, not “fun”.

Proposition 200 isn't a “bill of rights.” It's just wrong.

Vote No on Proposition 200 if you care about your future.

Steve Lynn

Treasurer

No on 200 Committee

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We care deeply about the future of water management in Pima County. That's why, as your elected representatives on the Central Arizona Water Conservation District Board (CAWCD), we feel we must speak out strongly against Prop 200.

Through the board, we oversee the management of the CAP project and CAP water. This initiative will not stop growth but it WILL encourage groundwater use and push suburban sprawl into currently undeveloped, fragile desert areas.

Outside the city limits, with no water use limits, these new developments can pump groundwater freely when they become members of the Central Arizona Ground Water Replenishment District.

What does this mean for City of Tucson and Pima County residents? The ground water pumped out by surrounding developments comes from the aquifer under the city, under your homes.

And, for Tucson residents, sustainable growth and infill development stalls inside the city limits. All they can do is watch others steal their water, and their future. Great gains have been made in the last seven years to increase the aquifer in mid-town Tucson. This initiative will completely reverse those efforts. And with ground water gone, Tucson's landowners may face sinkholes, or worse.

Managing our CAP and precious groundwater resources is the responsibility of all us and needs to be done in a thoughtful and coordinated fashion. This initiative does exactly the opposite. It prohibits good planning and good management. We urge you to join us and VOTE NO.

Sincerely

Pima County CAWCD Board of Directors

Carol Zimmerman

Diana Kai

Mike Boyd

Paid for by Carol E. Zimmerman

Prop. 200 packages several unrelated issues into a single, misleading proposition. By putting water and garbage issues in the same proposition, the supporters of prop. 200 confuse the voters about what the proposition does. The consequences of prop. 200 would have a negative impact on jobs and the quality of life in Tucson.

The Arizona Constitution requires statewide initiatives to be limited to a single subject. The purpose of this requirement is to remove the ambiguity inherent in a multi-subject proposition. It's too bad the proponents of prop. 200 didn't adhere to this basic, fundamental principle. Vote NO on prop. 200.

Timothy S. Bee

Jonathan Paton

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ARGUMENTS “AGAINST” PROPOSITION 200

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On behalf of the Tucson Fire Fighters Association, I urge all of us to vote “NO” on Proposition 200. Please don’t be fooled. This proposition isn’t just about water and growth. Passage of this proposition will absolutely reduce the ability of your firefighters and paramedics to protect lives and property and will cut vital functions like inspections, code enforcement and public education.

It will cut \$24 million per year from the city budget right away. It is likely that those cuts will mean reductions in funding for the Tucson Fire Department. That means reductions in firefighting and paramedic services for you and your family.

But the bigger effect of these cuts will be realized in the future.

The City of Tucson Sustainability Plan requires 354 new firefighters and paramedics in the next ten years. However, Proposition 200 would eliminate the main funding source for this plan. The city will not be able to adequately fund fire services which means reduced response time. When it is your life or someone you love, every second counts.

Our firefighters and paramedics need these reinforcements in the field. Our paramedics are providing more advanced life health care services than ever before as emergency rooms are filled, and there are long waits. Our hazardous material specialists require more equipment and training to handle incidents at illegal meth labs and neighborhood dumping grounds.

Please support your Tucson’s firefighters, paramedics and our families by voting “NO” on Proposition 200.

Sincerely,

Roger Tamietti

President Tucson Fire Fighters Association

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According to *Forbes* magazine, Tucson is one of the 20 best cities in the nation for job growth. A strong commitment to managed growth and enticement to future employers are essential to maintaining this distinction. The provisions of Proposition 200 send the wrong message and threaten our city’s future.

Proposition 200’s shortsighted and unreasonable cap on new water connections implies an excluding and isolating community rather than one that promotes an inclusive neighborhood of individuals seeking personal growth and prosperity. Tucson has evolved and matured through robust community dialogue, resulting in a community of diverse cultural and economic opportunity.

As we pursue our city’s growth, we must balance new development with mindfulness towards the ongoing quality of life for all citizens of Tucson. Sustainability is essential to the future of Tucson and Proposition 200 undermines our ability to responsibly plan and manage our limited water resources.

Proposition 200 prohibits the use of purified effluent to augment our drinking water, but we must be willing to accept the new technologies - used safely by many communities – that can provide us with a clean and safe source of water. Proposition 200 deprives Tucsonans the opportunity to protect and enhance our shrinking aquifer. The ill-conceived CAP usage, proposed at a level below current allocation, prevents our ability to secure our existing and future water resources.

Ultimately, the steep costs of a water shortage exacerbated by Proposition 200 will drive jobs and prosperity away from Tucson.

As Tucson’s young professionals, we are committed to logically fostering diverse economic growth for our generation and future generations to come. Please vote “no” on Proposition 200 to protect Tucson’s future.

Leah Taylor

President, Tucson’s Young Professionals

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Vice President, Tucson’s Young Professionals

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Dear Fellow Tucsonans:

I have carefully reviewed Proposition 200. I respectfully ask you to vote “no.”

When I was first elected in 1999, there was another Proposition 200 on the ballot that restricted our use of Tucson’s water. Our people wisely – and overwhelmingly – rejected it.

Since then Tucson Water has worked tirelessly to deliver clean, safe and affordable water. Our successes have been significant:

- We are delivering our CAP water now with no problems
- Our precious groundwater aquifer has recovered as much as 25 feet – a significant environmental achievement
- We have recently secured almost 8,000 acre-feet more CAP water allocation through federal agreements
- And we are conserving water in a responsible way

The facts show that we are being good stewards of our water supply and our environment.

Now a Green Party activist, John Kromko, is sponsoring another Proposition 200. It is far more destructive to our environment and our community than the previous one. Passage would encourage more sprawl development, not less. And it would make our water supply, and especially our precious groundwater supply, less secure, not more.

Mostly, this initiative attempts to replace the professional management of Tucson Water with political ideology. With all due respect, when it comes to water, Tucsonans should prefer the expertise of Tucson Water Director David Modeer rather than the Green Party agenda of John Kromko.

All of us are concerned about the water-related challenges of the future. Climate change, drought and growth rates must continue to be factored into our water policies. I want to assure you that we factor these issues into our current policies – with great seriousness and professionalism but without headlines.

Please keep politics out of our water. Please vote “no” on Proposition 200.

Sincerely,

Mayor Bob Walkup

Paid for by Robert E. Walkup

If you like sprawl, vote for Proposition 200.

If you don’t like sprawl, vote “**No**” on Proposition 200.

Restricting the hookups for new residential and commercial users in the Tucson Water Service area will cause development to explode into unincorporated areas of Pima County, Santa Cruz County, Pinal County and Cochise County. New wells and other new services will need to be provided to serve these growing areas. Is this the way we want our urban city to develop? We don’t and we hope you don’t either.

Vote “No” on Proposition 200 to prevent aggressive sprawl.

Katie Dusenberry

Bruce Dusenberry

Paid for by Katie Dusenberry

On behalf of the Tucson Police Officer’s Association (TPOA), you must join me in voting No on Proposition 200. This is very serious. Proposition 200 would cut \$24 million out of the City of Tucson’s budget each year - a loss of 40 to 50 funded police officers. The city is already 300 police officers short of the national standards set for cities our size. The cut in revenues would also cut support staff, CSI services, helicopter coverage, and drastically reduce response time.

If you want a city that can offer its citizens quality of life and a safer environment, again, I urge you to vote No on Proposition 200.

Larry A. Lopez

President

Tucson Police Officer’s Association

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Sandy Sellers

Vice President

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There are several components to Proposition 200 that deserve close examination. This proposition ties the hands of the City in providing needed services to our citizens without providing any solutions. It is irresponsible to believe that our garbage collection service and the landfills operate without costs. This initiative eliminates the user tax and the needed authority for the users to pay for the necessary garbage collections. Yet the City must provide the same level of service that we often take for granted. If the user fee is eliminated, where will the funds come from to provide garbage collection service? Will the funds be transferred from the fire and police protection budgets? Proposition 200 does not answer any questions, it merely places prohibitions on the City. This is irresponsible. We need the service, and as users, we should pay for the service.

Most of us believe that new development should pay its share. Proposition 200 goes beyond any reasonable demands by basically eliminating any new commercial or residential developments after 2009. Other areas in the United States that have suspended new development have experienced a sharp increase in housing costs. The ratio of housing costs to income in Tucson is already much higher than the national level. If Proposition 200 passes, housing cost will increase dramatically. How can our community abolish affordable housing for the average family?

A close look at this initiative reveals many catch phrases that may sway the uninformed voter. Among those phrases are: “The Bill of Rights,” “The Right to Pay Only Reasonable, Necessary and Directly Related Fees,” and “Toilet-To-Tap Prohibited.” Please don’t allow these political phrases to sway your choice. Make an informed decision, vote NO on Proposition 200.

Tim Ahrens

Paid for by Timothy M. Ahrens

Water Users Bill of Rights

Metropolitan Pima Alliance (MPA) is a non-profit group that promotes sound community planning through public-private partnerships. Proposition 200 is detrimental to the community and inappropriately commingles important community issues. Prop 200 will eliminate the City’s ability to effectively plan for and provide for our water needs in a manner that fosters the development of a vibrant urban center. The attempt by Prop 200 to commingle and solve complex issues through regulatory means will have unintended consequences

This initiative discourages development within the City, forcing new development that provides housing for a growing population to other communities, unincorporated Pima County, and nearby counties, fostering urban sprawl.

By imposing the building moratorium envisioned by the initiative; housing supply within the city will become limiting, driving up housing costs with adverse consequences to working families and those on fixed incomes.

The initiative’s provisions will create a financial hardship for the City. The revenue generated by the garbage fee provides a significant portion of the cost of garbage collection, freeing monies for other needed public services, including law enforcement, neighborhood reinvestment, etc. This loss will likely reduce the ability of the City to continue to provide the existing level of services without proportionate increase in taxes or other fees.

This initiative is counter to the community’s goal of attracting employers that create high paying jobs. A vibrant urban core is an important component to the community’s social and economic well being.

Attempting to resolve regional water issues through the initiative process inappropriately limits the community’s ability to consider a comprehensive range of management options as technology and our abilities to manage these resources evolve.

Ramon Gaanderse
Executive Director

James A. Tress, Jr.
Board Member

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End of Arguments Against Proposition 200

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Thank You! Gracias!

The City of Tucson would like to express its gratitude to those who served at the polls during the September 11 Election and who will serve during the November 6 Election.

*** If you are interested in working at the polls on November 6 ***

Call 791-5957

La Ciudad de Tucson quisiera expresar su gratitud hacia aquellos que sirvieron en las votaciones durante la Elección del 11 de septiembre y a los que servirán durante la Elección del 6 de noviembre.

*** Si le interesa trabajar en las votaciones del 6 de noviembre ***

Llame al 791-5957

The following have provided assistance during the election free of charge:
Las siguientes personas han ayudado gratuitamente durante la elección:

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Desert Sky Middle School
Desert Willow Elementary School
Direct Center for Independence
East Tucson Baptist Church
El Pueblo Neighborhood Center
El Pueblo Neighborhood Center-2
El Rio Neighborhood Center
Empire High School
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Fellowship Square
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